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SUBJ: AMB. YOUNG MEETING WITH ANGOLAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
FIGUEIREDO, JUNE 10

1. ALTHOUGH VARIOUS TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED, MAIN THRUST
OF CONVERSATION WAS US-ANGOLAN RELATIONS. AMB. FIGUEIREDO
STRESSED THAT HE WAS "MORE THAN READY" TO GET ON WITH NEW YORK
DISCUSSIONS ON NORMALIZATION BASED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS HE
HAD DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT NETO AND FOREIGN MINISTER
JORGE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT BASED ON REPORTS
FROM MAPUTO, NETO HAD BEEN ANXIOUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT
THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUNG VISIT TO LUANDA AND HAD WAITED UNTIL
THE END OF THE CONFERENCE HOPING TO HEAR THAT YOUNG WOULD
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ACUALLY COME. IN RESPONSE TO YOUNG'S QUERY ABOUT WHETHER
FIGUEIREDO HAD PLANS TO ATTEND JULY ECOSOC MEETINGS IN GENEVA,
FIGUEIREDO SAID HE PRESENTLY WASN'T PLANNING TO GO
BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF AMB. YOUNG WISHED TO SEE
HIM THERE TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS HE WOULD
CHANGE HIS PLANS.

2. IN A SIMILAR VEIN FIGUEIREDO EMPHASIZED ANGOLAN WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH CONTACT GROUP ON NAMIBIA (REPORTED USUN 1872) PARTICULARLY BECAUSE ANGOLA WELL AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CONFLICTS BETWEEN UNITA AND SWAPO. HE DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT FOR THE MOMENT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO PLANS TO MEET WITH UNITA AND ATTEMPT RECONCILIATION BECAUSE UNITA CLEARLY FIGHTING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS AND TRAINING AND ITS LEADERS WERE ENJOYING THEIR "FREQUENT VISITS" TO PLUSH HOTELS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN LUANDA, FIGUEIREDO STRESSED THAT IT HAD BEEN PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND IMPATIENCE WITH THE YOUNG ANGOLAN LEADERSHIP RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WHICH HAD PROMPTED THE ATTEMPT (APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO DOWNPLAY REPORTS THAT COUP ATTEMPTED BY HARD CORE PRO-SOVIETS).

4. AMB. YOUNG ALSO QUERIED FIGUEIREDO ABOUT WHY ANGOLA HAD REJECTED THE MEDIATION OFFER OF NIGERIANS (GARBA) IN FAVOR OF CONGO BRAZZAVILLE. FIGUEIREDO RESPONDED THAT WHILE ANGOLA HAD AND WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA, CONGO BRAZZAVILLE ALSO HAD CLOSE, HISTORIC TIES TO ANGOLA. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN ANY CASE ANGOLA REALLY HAD NO NEED FOR A MEDIATOR WITH ZAIRE AS THE ONLY ISSUE OUTSTANDING BETWEEN THEM WAS THAT OF ANGOLAN PROPERTY SEIZED BY ZAIRIANS. IF MOBUTU WANTED TO ASK GARBA

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TO MEDIATE ON THE SHABA QUESTION, HE OF COURSE HAD EVERY RIGHT AND ANGOLA HAD NO INVOLVEMENT IN THAT QUESTION.

5. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH TWO AMBASSADORS EXPRESSING THEIR SATISFACTION WITH CONVERSATION AND THEIR MUTUAL DESIRE TO KEEP UP CONTACTS.

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